



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Washington, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

DIRECTOR'S ORDER NO. 166

Subject: Authority for Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office

Sec. 1 What is the purpose of this Order? This Order clarifies the reporting status and authorities for the Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office (CNO).

Sec. 2 Does this Order amend other directives? This Order amends all documents in the Fish and Wildlife Service Directives System (Fish and Wildlife Service Manual chapters, National Policy Issuances, Director's Orders, Director's memoranda, specialized directives, and handbooks).

Sec. 3 What is the authority for this change? House of Representatives Conference Report, 108-330.

Sec. 4 What changes are being made? Whenever "Regional Directors" or "Regions" or any other name referring to those terms is used in any Fish and Wildlife Service directive, the term will be assumed to include the Manager, CNO, who reports directly to the Service Director. Future directives will make this distinction and specifically identify CNO responsibilities. Assistant Managers in the CNO have equal standing and responsibilities as Assistant Regional Directors for similar programs in the Regions.

Sec. 5 What is the responsibility of the Manager, CNO? The Manager, CNO reports to the Director and exercises the same responsibilities and authorities as the Regional Directors. The Manager, CNO provides managerial and technical direction for all Service operational activities within the States of California and Nevada, to include:

- a. Implementing national policies.
- b. Managing Service programs and evaluating and monitoring CNO operations to ensure effectiveness and goal attainment of the Service.
- c. Submitting and justifying budget needs, managing the expenditure of financial resources, and establishing internal controls and management oversight of CNO operations.
- d. Recommending to the Washington Office revisions in national policies, plans, and procedures.



Sec. 6 When is this Order effective? This Order is effective immediately. We will incorporate its contents into all documents in the Fish and Wildlife Service Directives System. This Order will expire on March 31, 2005, unless it is amended, superseded, or revoked.


Deputy
DIRECTOR

Date: March 11, 2004